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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Stephen L. Bowen, Commissioner*

DATE: June 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Major Capital School Construction Program; Site Approval Consideration;

RSU 72 Fryeburg – Grades PreK-5 Elementary School Construction Project.

STATEMENT OF FACT:

Superintendent Gary MacDonald requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Fryeburg, Maine for an addition to the Molly Ockett Middle School to house grades Pre-K-5. The addition will house students from the Charles Snowe School in Fryeburg and possibly from the New Suncook School in Lovell, Maine, and the Brownfield Denmark School in Denmark, Maine. The RSU is currently evaluating the advantages of a possible consolidation of the district's three elementary schools.

The school site is 37 acres in size and is located close to the village of Fryeburg. The site is composed of sandy soils and the topography has a very straight slope making it an excellent site for the development of fields, drives, and the school addition. The site is served by the public water system. Fryeburg does not have a municipal sewerage system so on site disposal will be necessary.

The site application with all supporting documentation is on file with the Department of Education.

Project Information:

Project: Addition to school in RSU 72

Superintendent: Gary MacDonald, Superintendent

Architect: Stephen Blatt Architects Engineer: DeLuca-Hoffman Associates Total number of acres: 37 (32 useable.)

Total number of acres eligible for State support:

Purchase cost: Appraised value:

Amount eligible for State support:

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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 3, 2013, the Construction Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU 72 for construction of an addition to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, for an addition to house elementary school students.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU 72 for construction of an addition to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, under the provisions of Chapter 61, <u>Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects</u>.

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team